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For	:	METHOD FOR OPERATING A MACHINE FOR PRODUCING AND/OR IMPROVING MATERIAL WEBS))

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND COVER LETTER SUBMITTING AMENDED PAGES OF APPLICATION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report - Form PCT/IPEA/409 (hereinafter "Report"), and an English translation thereof, which was drawn on pages of description 1- 15 and the drawings as originally filed, and claims 1 - 30 as filed on May 17, 2001, and includes as an Annex amended claims 1 - 30 (in German and English).

Based upon the submission of amended claims, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the application containing amended claims 1 - 30 (in place of originally filed claims 1 - 30).

Additionally, prior to the examination of the above-identified application including replacement claims 1 - 30, amendment of claims 3, 4, 6 - 26, and 30, as follows, is respectfully requested to remove multiple dependent claims.